1	2	3
3.	Chandigarh	1
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
5.	Delhi	3
6.	Goa, Daman & Diu	1
7.	Lakshadweep	-
8.	Mizoram	-
9.	Pondicherry	1
		Total 83

Booking of Tickets for Jhansi in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Express

741. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tickets for New Delhi and Bhopal are not issued from Jhansi and Lalitpur stations in express trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether tickets from New Delhi for Jhansi in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Express trains are also issued at New Delhi;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government propose to make available tickets for Jhansi from New Delhi in these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Tickets are being issued at Lalitpur and Jhansi for New Delhi and Bhopal by many Express trains. In some cases, tickets are not being issued due to distance restrictions.

(c) to (e). Karnataka & Tamilnadu Express are superfast trains intended for long distance passengers and, therefore, a general distance restriction of 600 kms. has been imposed for issue of tickets by these trains. In view of this restriction, limited reserved tickets are issued at New Delhi for Jhansi for travel by these trains to the extent of quota allotted to Jhansi station.

Direct Train Between Jaipur and Bhopal

742. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link Jaipur and Bhopal with a direct train; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scheme for Vocational Education Programme

[*English*]

743. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the concrete action proposed to implement the Vocational Education Programme Enunciated in National Education Programme 1986 to wipe out illeteracy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): The objective of Vocationalisation of Education, as stated in the National Policy on Education, 1986, is to enhance individual employability, reduce the mismatch between demand and supply of skilled manpower and to provide an alternative for those pursuing higher education without particular interest or purpose.

Keeping in view these objectives a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was started w.e.f. February 1988. Substantial financial assistance is provided to the State/UTs for running Vocational courses at +2 level as also for the required technical resource support and management structure. Financial assistance amounting to more than Rs. 200 crores has been given so far to 27 States/UTs for implementation of the programme.

The National Literacy Mission, as part of functional literacy, also imparts skills to adult illiterates to improve their economic status and general wellbeing.

Cold Storage Coaches for Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam

744. M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cold storage coaches in the Railways to transport perishable items;

(b) the number of coaches allotted to South Central and South Eastern Railways;

(c) whether any representation has been received from Marine Business people of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam regarding shortage of such coaches; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) One, Sir.

(b) Nil.

(c) Yes, Sir. There was a representation from Vijayawada for supply of Refrigerated Van for transportation of fish traffic to Howrah.

(d) A few refrigerated parcel vans were provided by the Railways in the past for transportation of perishable parcels, but the same were discontinued for want of adequate patronage, higher cost of maintenance and lack of refrigerated facilities at the terminals.

Contraction of AIds by Girl

745. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Girl gets AIDS due to sheer negligence" appearing in the Statesman dated November 9, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?